



U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: 3206-0204, Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits, 5 CFR 838.221, 838.421, and 838.721

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an existing information collection request (ICR) 3206-0204, Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Services, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2347E, Washington, DC 20415-0001, Attention: Alberta Butler, or sent via electronic mail to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov or

faxed to (202) 606-0910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits, 5 CFR 838.221, 838.421, and 838.721 describe how former spouses give us written notice of a court order requiring us to pay benefits to the former spouse. Specific information is needed before OPM can make court-ordered benefit payments. The regulations allow us to make a unique collection of only the information needed for a particular customer case and not over-burden our entire customer base by making a generic information collection request (ICR) that requires the former spouse (or their representative) to possibly review and complete information that we may already have access to. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ANALYSIS:

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management

Title: Court Orders Affecting Retirement Benefits, 5 CFR 838.221, 838.421, and 838.721

OMB Number: 3206-0204

Frequency: On occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Number of Respondents: 19,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 9,500

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